New Bedford April 28th
Sunday morning

Dear Maria,

There will be so good an opportunity tomorrow for you to write that I shall expect a letter a quarter of a mile long — William Coffin, Mary Longdons nephew, will give you this Thursday Boston in the afternoon, so you must sit down & write me every thing you can think of — Give me facts & incidents, for I dont want any stuffing of I heard through Edwin J that you were down to Dunstan monday night Why didnt you take a turn over here when you got so near — The N.B. people are much disappointed at not seeing you, but you could have done no special good by coming — I think much good was done by Garrison — Almost every body likes him — I took tea friday afternoon at Mr Emersons with Mr Stearns a young man from Andover, who is presiding as a candidate here, & who is nephew to Jeremiah Mason — I asked him if he knew Mr Collins. Oh, yes, he said, He understood that he had taken the agency of the Mass society, which was just the place for him — In the course of his remarks he said, he hoped that Mr Collins was settled down at last. for he had been almost every thing, sailor, storekeeper school master & writing master. Now will you ask Collins what kind of a man Mr Stearns is, for they think of setting him. I have talked with Mr Emerson respecting that letter of Phelps, but he

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is not the sort of a man at all to get himself into any trouble on any subject, & though very strong indeed, is not a man to stand his own hand. He however says I may have the letter to take to Boston with me when I come on to the N.E. Convention, & I suppose I shall have discretionary power to show it — to whom I please but Mr E would much rather that Mr Phelps knew nothing about it. I met too at Mr Emerson's a young man that I think something can be made of — Ellis Bartlett by name — at present he is a feeler, but it is entirely through ignorance, for he blazed out against the clerical appeal like a good abolitionist — Birney laboured at Amherst just before he left there. I mystified him somewhat — Only that the poor young man is to be a minister, I should have great confidence in him, & hope much from his labours.

I went over to Dunbarton Saturday afternoon & called upon two of the sisterhood there — One of them Mrs Allen president of the soc. I liked much, She could not fully understand the troubles in the Boston Female, but she knew there was trouble & she wanted all their money to go where Mr Garrison was. That little article in last week's Liberator, yours I suppose, has opened every body's eyes to the state of the Boston Female — The friends here have concluded that it will be best to have the articles made here, sold here, & I think so too, for I dont doubt that you will have plenty of articles in Boston & the money raised here will be all extra — & all go the right way too — Leave you mother to manage, herself I should think could be had

from there – I saw the last Mass Ab at the Longdons, saturday night – Oh that wicked Whittier! If he is saved, which I very much doubt, he will have to be beaten with many stripes – I declare my blood rose against him in a way that it has never done towards any body before as I read those testimonials of the 1st page of the Mass Ab from the anti slavery papers all over the country, I felt proud of Alnes. She has fought this battle nobly, single handed & alone. By the way what a good article that is in the last Liberator signed "An old country Abolitionist" Who wrote it – Be sure & send by Cousin Coffin Elizabeth Heyrick's pamphlet – & whatever Rodmans' colonization tracts you think best. I went to Sam's to a party the other evening & had considerable talk with him, & liked him very much. I told him I had sent for the pamphlet & was very much obliged & very glad to get it – Write your own name on it, for he seemed much interested in you & would think more of it coming from you the Rodmans are all much pleased I suspect with Dr Channing's notice of Lucretia Mott, for they all tell me that she is a distant connexion of theirs – I send you $2.50 for the Mass soc which you must acknowledge in the Liberator as from three Sodies in South Dartmouth. The N.B. mens soc will send on I suppose in the course of the week $236 and the Fairhaven women have got $10 which Edwin Thompson is to send. I trust Edwin will deliver the money safely – I heard at Fairhaven that Mrs Drew had received a very good letter from you, which made her feel bad, they said, for she has done nothing in the cause since she has been there

I shall go over the sea Mrs Drew soon — I shall be at home in about three weeks I suppose if not before will you tell Chauncy please of this and give my love to them

ever truly D W

remember me

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Kindness of Mr Coffin

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